

REMARKS

The Examiner contacted the undersigned a few days ago regarding the above-identified application. In particular, the Examiner stated that the PTO had lost the IDSs and priority document for the above-identified application. He also requested that an amendment be made to Claim 38 to change its dependency.

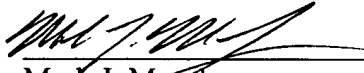
Accordingly, Applicant is submitting herewith copies of each of the IDSs previously filed in this case with non-U.S. patent references (as the Examiner stated that he would get the U.S. patent references). Applicant has also amended Claim 38 to make it dependent on Claim 30. Finally, Applicant has ordered a new copy of the priority document and will submit it as soon as we receive it.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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